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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this under the notification that funding may be changing for our area. As a teacher of a low income school district in a rural area, I have noticed a definite difference in the educational opportunities of our students compared to those who have easy access to fast broadband internet. For a student (family) who is already struggling to get the basics for survival (shelter, food), finding time to access high speed internet for research for a homework can be an extra burden they choose to put to the side. If they have time (and a ride), they will go a friend or relative's house to get their homework completed. I feel this added burden to a plate that is already heavy does not give all students equal opportunity in our nation. I hope you choose to increase funding to improve access to broadband internet in our area.

Thank you for your time,

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